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Title: Regarding railway facilities in Dindigul Railway Junction Station in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. UDHAYAKUMAR (DINDIGUL): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with the blessings of our hon. leader and Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. *Puratchi Thalaivi Amma*, I would like to raise a matter of urgent public importance relating to my Dindigul Parliamentary Constituency.

Sir, Dindigul and Kodai Road are two important railway stations in the State of Tamil Nadu. There is an urgent need to modernize and digitalize these two stations. The staircases at both these stations are in very dilapidated condition posing threat to the users of these stations. Hence, modernization of these stations on a time bound basis is a must. Dindigul is a commercial centre whereas Kodai Road continues to serve as the rail to bus transfer point for passengers going to the popular tourist destination of Kodaikanal. The volume of passenger traffic to Kodai Road heading towards Kodaikanal from both the directions is quite high. So there is a need to provide stoppage for Vagai and Guruvayur Express trains at Kodai Road. It has also been a long pending demand of the people of my constituency to have stoppage for Bangalore Express at Ambathurai.

Therefore, I urge upon the hon. Railway Minister to direct the Southern Railways to modernize and digitalize Dindigul and Kodai Road railway stations and also to provide stoppage for Vaigai and Guruvayur Express trains at Kodai Road and stoppage for Bangalore Express at Ambathurai at the earliest. I have made repeated requests to the Railway Minister regarding this matter. So, I would request him to take early action on this matter.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri M. Udhayakumar.